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HITS POOR WATER MANAGEMENT IN SAMARKAND OBLAST

Dzhambayskiy Rayon now has seven engineers who are so occupied with writing reports that they do not have time to plan irrigation work or even to visit kolkhozes. Specialists of the Oblast Water Management, together with employees working for the Five irrigation systems, are expected to write a huge number of daily reports. Both the Oblast Party Committee and the Oblast Executive Committee know this, yet they are doing nothing to remedy the situation.

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The Soviet of Ministers Uzbek SSR and the Central Committees have asked organizations to utilize water prudently. Samarkand Oblast has been especially lax in fulfilling this demand because workers, agronomists, and water-management specialists do not provide adequate plans. Furthermore, Past-Dargomskiy, Charkhinskiy, Dzhambayskiy, and other rayons allot water incorrectly because they do not take into consideration changes resulting from remedial measures. This mistake could be avoided if agronomists participated in compiling water-utilization plans.

An overwhelming majority of kolkhozes have no water-utilization plans at all. As a result of unplanned irrigation, on 20 May over half the cotton-raising area in Kara-Dar'yinskiy, Komsomol'skiy, Mitanskiy, Ishtykhanskiy, and Pay-Arykskiy rayons was not irrigated.

In addition, some areas of the oblast are wasting huge amounts of water. In some cases, water is needlessly expended on repeated irrigation of crops; in others, it is allowed to run into gullies and ditches or onto the road.

Shamsutdinov, Minister for Water Management of Uzbek SSR, along with other members of the Ministry, has not aided reconstruction work in oblast water management. He is indifferent toward the work. For example, the Oblast Water Management asked the ministry to avoid wastefulness in the Uzbek Water Supply System. All building materials designated for the five system administrations are sent to the city of Samarkand whence they are sent to the addressees. In the first place, this makes shipping more expensive, and secondly, it delays deliveries of needed building materials. Although Shamsutdinov promised to change the method of transporting building materials, nothing has been done during the past 2 months. Furthermore, the Uzbek Water Supply System long ago was supposed to have sent structural iron for constructing water dischargers, but the date for the intended receipt of this iron has long since passed and the iron has not arrived.

It is up to the ministry, the Oblast Committee of the Uzbekistan Communist Party, and the Oblast Committee to change their attitudes toward water management and to make a real attempt to improve it.

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